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WITHDRAWAL OF CLAIM TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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The undersigned Assignee's representative hereby notifies the Patent and Trademark

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